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Midwest Area, Office of Information Services, Production & Marketing
Administration, United States Dept. of Agriculture, 623 S. Wabash, Chicago 5, Ill.

September 3, 1952

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 4-12	District County Comm. Conferences	Nebraska
Sept. 5-6	National Soil Conservation Day and Plowing Matches	Kasson, Minn.
Sept. 7-9	Grain and Feed Dealers Nat'l Assn.	Minneapolis
Sept. 8-9	Packers & Stockyards Act Hearings	Chicago
Sept. 9	North Dakota Agr'l. Mobilization Comm.	Fargo
Sept. 9	32nd Annual Convention American Soybean Association	Purdue Univ.
Sept. 10	Packers & Stockyards Act Hearing	St. Paul
Sept. 10-12	Meeting Commodity Office Directors	Chicago
Sept. 11-12	Iowa County Chairmen & Secys. School	Des Moines
Sept. 11	Corn and Bean Day - Purdue Agronomy Farm	Lafayette, Ind.
Sept. 11	Grain Sanitation Demonstration	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa
Sept. 11	Illinois State Turkey Growers Assn.	Mt. Carroll
Sept. 12	Iowa Agr'l. Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
Sept. 12	Feed Dealers Nutrition School	Ames, Iowa
Sept. 12	Swine Day	W. Lafayette, Ind.
Sept. 14-16	Iowa Restaurant Association Meeting	Des Moines
Sept. 15-19	Hoosier Broiler Week	Indiana
Sept. 15	Grain Sanitation Demonstration	Aplington, Iowa
Sept. 16	Grain Sanitation Demonstration	Webb, Iowa
Sept. 17	Grain Sanitation Demonstration	Atlantic, Iowa
Sept. 17	Packers & Stockyards Act Hearing	Kansas City, Mo.
Sept. 17-20	International Conference on Interstate Milk Shipments	Minneapolis
Sept. 17-20	International Association of Milk and Food Sanitarians	Minneapolis
Sept. 18	Packers & Stockyards Act Hearing	Indianapolis
Sept. 19	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	E. Lansing

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Commodity Office in Minneapolis will move from Gamble-Skogmo building into ground and second floors of Buzza building, about September 30. Plans for alterations have been developed by Royce Dodge working with GSA representatives during recent weeks.

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Ruth Ehrlich in Indianapolis last week helping to prepare PMA state office records for move into consolidated USDA state office about mid-September.

Space for consolidation of six USDA offices in Illinois has been secured on the second floor of the Federal Post Office Building in Springfield. Agencies are Illinois State PMA Office, Federal Crop Insurance, Soil Conservation, Farmers' Home Administration, Bureau of Agricultural Economics and Bureau of Animal Industry. Actual move to consolidated quarters probably next January or February.

Betty Boyd, Elizabeth Nottingham, and Ann Harley, switchboard operators at 623 S. Wabash, have been transferred to payroll of General Services Administration but continue in same spot, serving same telephone users. PMA and FCIC reimburse GSA for salaries.

Painting contractor began work on 6th floor of Brunswick building using spray equipment; work considered unsatisfactory, so new start was made using brush method of application.

AUDIT - Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

Raymond F. Pauley sheds the "Acting" part of his title and is now officially Assistant Chief Auditor of PMA, in charge of Chicago area office.

M. F. Skilnik and Thomas Vopatek began audit of Michigan direct distribution state agency.

Internal audits of 1952 fiscal year operations at Kansas City, Minneapolis, and Chicago Commodity Offices are expected to be completed this week. Subsequent responsibility for audit of the Kansas City Commodity Office will go to Dallas Office of Audit.

COMMODITY OFFICE - George Bradley, Director

New grain storage agreements still trickling in slowly, with about 300 received so far. State and county committees urged to get all contracts in at earliest possible date. Old contracts were had with some 1,200 midwest warehousemen.

At the close of Friday, August 27, 51,707 tons of hay were ordered for shipment to drought-stricken southern states.

Georgia has been added to the list of states approved for the emergency hay program. Other states are Mississippi, Alabama, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Marvin Smith, Julius Boberski, Bernard Tyarks, and Harold Shanessy to Columbus, Ohio, for opening of trial of officers of Kingston Farmers Exchange, Kingston, Ohio.

GAO auditors making annual audit of fiscal year 1952 accounts.

R. W. Hostrop, accompanied by Howard Abbott of Illinois State Office, attending meetings on grain storage at Ottawa, Decatur, Springfield, and Champaign, Illinois this week.

Sales by Chicago CO past week were 954,003 bushels of corn, 2,000 bushels barley, and 12,034 cwt. of beans. Purchases were 126,225 pounds of non-fat dry milk solids.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Albert C. Christian in Columbus, Ohio, to attend conference with U.S. Attorney. H. W. Oce reported for duty as special agent. Former attorney and investigator with OPS at St. Paul, Minnesota. Special Agents Palmer Ellingsen, Ralph Aiken and John Maloney to Waterloo, Iowa, to appear before Grand Jury and confer with U.S. Attorney.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Ed Small joined H. E. Meister of Washington office in Milwaukee on September 3. Purpose of visit to discuss general inspection work with Carl Tuttle, in charge of Wisconsin inspection work.

CROP INSURANCE - J.F. Buck, Branch Manager

Fred Turner, Ass't Chief of the Accounting and Statistical Division, transferring to Washington September 22.

Mr. Buck, back from extended trip to midwest state and county offices, heads for Indianapolis state office this week.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Chief

Midwest Area Conference August 27-29 attended by representatives from eleven midwest states representing agencies connected with school lunch and direct distribution activities.

Jack Means, FDB representative at St. Louis, visiting for few days to plan activities for next thirty days.

Hal B. Bolin in Wisconsin on food preservation work.

Jeanette Hampden, Home Economist being transferred from St. Louis office to Chicago effective October 1.

Producers request continuance of plentiful foods program on Bartlett Pears.

Chester G. Freeman, Chief of Food Trades Division, Washington, is visitor this week. Will meet with industry members regarding October Honey campaign; also plans to contact various national food distributors.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Snapbeans, celery, tomatoes selling at bargain levels this week at Chicago wholesale market. Michigan supplying low priced grapes, pears, plums. Homegrown watermelons and cantaloups also low priced. Michigan Elberta peaches arriving. Midwestern round whites and reds lowest priced among potatoes.

M.W. Baker, Deputy Chief, Washington, due latter part of week to confer with Chicago F & V office heads.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Assistant Supervisor Earl Biddick returned September 3 from Colorado where he assisted in training peach inspectors.

Market News - J.A. Hunter, In Charge

Chicago reporter, Fred Tuttle, relieving Reuben Corbin at Kansas City during latter's illness became ill himself and was hospitalized in Kansas City.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Hobart Falen, Washington office, visited in connection with study of federal standards for canned corn.

Inspection work in full swing at corn canning plants in Illinois and Iowa.

Tomato harvest starting in Indiana and Ohio with expected upswing in inspection work.

GRAIN BRANCH

Regulatory and Inspection - Hazen English, Field Director

E. J. Murphy, Deputy Director, Washington, will confer with Branch officials in Chicago and Milwaukee September 5-8. Murphy and Field Director English will later attend the Grain and Feed Dealers National Association meeting in Minneapolis.

Jason Barr, Inspection Chief, Washington, will attend American Soybean Association convention at Purdue University, September 9.

J. Cullen Barton, Washington, will confer with trade members on storage problems in Minneapolis September 5-7.

INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

Summary of best food buys in Midwestern cities prepared each Tuesday and wired to Washington for inclusion in Wednesday morning network television program which started September 3 on CBS. WBKB is Chicago outlet. Summary prepared from reports by fruit and vegetable, dairy and poultry market reporters. Food trade will be invited to suggest items to be included in future programs.

LIVESTOCK

Secretary Brannan announced on Monday that cattle may be imported from Mexico, ending foot and mouth disease embargo which began in December, 1946. USDA created joint Commission with Mexican government in eradicating disease by means of quarantine of 260,000 square miles, slaughter of infected and exposed animals, disinfection of property. At peak of effort, joint commission had 8,000 employees. U. S. spent about \$125 million as its share of eradication program.

Regulatory - C. D. Jennings, Supervisor

Supervisor Jennings returned from Washington where he spent two weeks assisting with headquarters work.

Hearings on proposed amendments to Packers and Stockyards Act, in Chicago next Monday and Tuesday; next day in St. Paul; Sept. 17 in Kansas City and Sept. 18 in Indianapolis.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Preparing special report for Senate Sub-Committee on federal manpower policies to obtain basic data on recruitment and examining processes.

Will play host September 15-18 to two foreign visitors making marketing study, namely Paavo H. K. Kaarlehto, Finland, and Mr. Lee Teng-hui, Formosa.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson

Mr. Dolson planning supervisory trip to southern states next week.

Grading eggs for school lunch program about finished.

Starting September grading for Mercantile Exchange, with 125-150 cars expected.

STATE PMA CHAIRMEN

Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

County committees advised on proper care of bin storage sites; told that general appearance of sites could be improved.

Nebraska - Frank Reed, Chairman

Counties given further instructions on sampling methods and procedures for honey price support program.

Thirteen grain warehouses added to list of those approved for storing CCC and farmer owned grain.

Iowa - Hervey Hazen, Chairman

County committees furnished with copies of amendment to "Lending Agency Handbook" for mailing to lending agencies.

Further instructions regarding handling of hay purchase program sent to counties.

Although community mail elections were advanced from December to August and farm work was pressing, vote still reached 50,000. Vote in December last year totaled 70,000.

North Dakota - J. E. Kasper, Chairman

Counties requested to forward all necessary forms for approved warehouses immediately.

Amendments to procedure for determining performance under ACP sent to county committees.

Ohio - Robert Miles, Chairman

Counties given schedule for field trip to Ohio Experiment Station.

Four additional lending agencies approved for making price support loans.

County Committees given list of counties in nine states eligible to participate in 1953 Farm Land Restoration Program.

Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

Counties advised of procedures for handling CCC Collections effective September 1.

Counties instructed to discontinue all purchases of hay not cured after bailing.

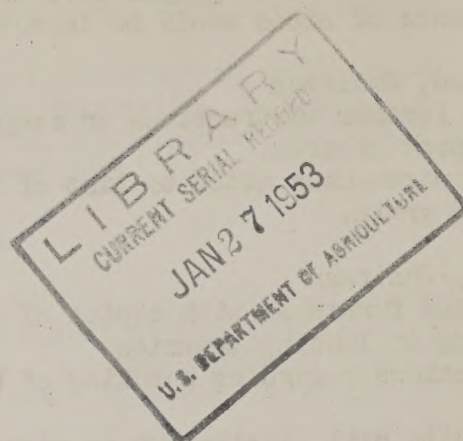
Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

Copies of memorandum from Deputy Administrator Harold K. Hill on crop insurance participation sent to crop insurance salesmen.

Memorandum to counties emphasizes items to be considered in hay purchases following reports that some hay not meeting quality specifications.

Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

Cover page of newsletter to county committees, graphically illustrated, calls for prevention of waste in harvesting crops.



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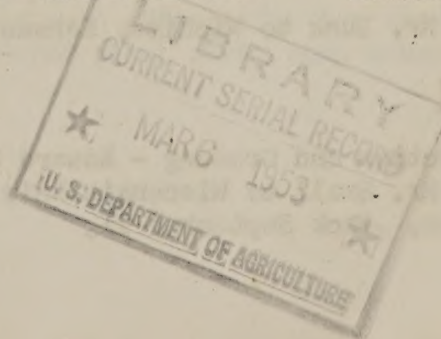
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September 11, 1952

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 12	Iowa Agricultural Mobilization Comm.	Des Moines
September 12	Feed Dealers Nutrition School	Ames, Iowa
September 12	Indiana Swine Day	W. Lafayette
September 12	Open House, Ohio Agr. Experiment Station	Columbus, Ohio
September 12	Annual Field Day, Iowa State College Agronomy Farm	Ames, Iowa
September 14-16	Iowa Restaurant Association Meeting	Des Moines, Iowa
September 15	Grain Sanitation Demonstration	Aplington, Iowa
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September 18	Packers and Stockyards Act Hearing	Indianapolis, Ind.
September 18	Swine Day, Ohio Experiment Station	Columbus, Ohio
September 19	Michigan Agr. Mobilization Committee	E. Lansing
September 21-24	International Assn. Ice Cream Mfgs.	Chicago
September 21-27	Dairy Industries Supply Assn.	Chicago
September 21-27	Milk Ind. Foundation	Chicago
September 21	Dairy Products Meeting, Drake Hotel	Chicago
September 22-23	American Butter Institute's 44th Annual Meeting, Drake Hotel	Chicago
September 22-24	Short Course Food Retailers in cooperation Nat'l. Assn. Retail Grocers and University of Chicago	Inter'l House Chicago
September 23	Missouri Agricultural Mobilization Comm.	Columbia
September 24	Evaporated Milk Association	Chicago
September 24-25	Indiana Members County Committees & Secretary-Treasurers	Lincoln Hotel Indianapolis
September 24-26	Turkey Short Course, Poultry Grading University of Missouri	Columbia
September 25	Iowa Seed Dealers Conference Iowa State College	Ames, Iowa
September 25-26	State Tomato Festival	Bluffton, Ind.
September 26	Nebraska Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln, Nebr.



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Royce Dodge in Minneapolis last week in connection with moving of Commodity Office to new location in Buzza Building.

George Blazejovsky in Indianapolis assisting with moving of PMA and other USDA offices into consolidated location; also assisting in establishment of centralized stock room for the consolidated office.

AUDIT - Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

R. G. Blixt will attend workshop for county office auditors at Billings, Montana, September 10-12. Others in attendance will be Chief D. J. Harrill and Carol M. Farquhar, Washington, and Assistant Chief from San Francisco and members of staff.

C. M. Farquhar visited in connection with audits of state and county PMA offices.

L. J. Roth, recently detailed to Chicago, returned to New York headquarters after Washington stopover for several days.

Fred Neville begins school lunch audits in Missouri this week.

R. E. Harwick, assisted by W. H. Cropsey and H. A. Janzig, begins audits of grain elevators under storage guarantee program in Illinois, Ohio, and Iowa this week.

COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Commodity Office Directors will meet September 10-12 in Chicago CO to discuss organization and budget matters with Administrator Gus F. Geissler, and Washington officials Elmer F. Kruse, John H. Dean, Robert A. Hanson, Robert W. Herder, F. Marion Rhodes.

Marvin Smith to Lansing, Michigan, on bean program.

Texas and Arkansas added to list of states approved for emergency hay program.

Chicago CO sales past week: 818,087 bushels corn, 1,800 bushels wheat, 50,343 cwt. dry beans.

CCC supported farm prices at much lower cost in 1951-52 fiscal year than in previous year. Loss for year ended June 30 was \$67 million, against \$345 million year earlier.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Albert C. Christian to Columbus, Ohio, to confer with U. S. Attorney and appear before Grand Jury.

Harry R. Covington, former OPA Attorney, appointed special agent for stationing in Chicago.

CROP INSURANCE - J. F. Buck, Branch Manager

Mr. Buck to Wichita, Kansas, September 8, for loss adjustment conference.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Mr. Small to Wisconsin this week on inspection of government-owned cheese. Back September 11.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Field Supervisor

Number of private schools approved for school lunch participation up somewhat from year ago.

Hal Bolin to Nebraska to help build cannery at State Penitentiary and inspect ham storage warehouses.

A. E. Duke, Washington, to visit National Food Trades in regard to October honey promotion program.

Walter Patterson spoke on plentiful foods program before Committee of Independent Grocers Alliance Fall Merchandising Conference at Palmer House.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

"The Market Was His Garden" is title of article by Reuben E. Corbin, Kansas City market reporter, in Kansas City Star, August 24. Corbin whimsically refers to wholesale market as his "garden" which he "tended" for past 25 years.

Peaches are plentiful at low prices at the Chicago wholesale market this week. Wisconsin is at peak of red potato harvest and these "reds" are moderately priced among potatoes. Other good buys are cabbage, topped carrots, Michigan celery and plums, corn, cucumbers, greens, leaf lettuce, peppers, spinach, squash, tomatoes, watermelons and Illinois cantaloups. Illinois is marketing more Jonathan and Delicious apples but prices are still high.

Market News - J. A. Hunter, Reporter in Charge

Jerry Leon, truck receipts reporter and former telegrapher, retiring end of this week. Expects to set up insurance office in market area.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

Wilson Miller and Edward Gibson on investigation and license work for two weeks to Detroit, Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Indianapolis.

Jess Branch at Benton Harbor reports heavy truck movement of peaches.

Volume of regulatory work still heavy for this time of year.

Looking for a couple of stenographers.

License suspension of Melba L. Wright, dealer of Vida, Alabama, has been lifted following reparations paid to DeBruyn Seed & Produce Company, Zeeland, Michigan. Reparations were awarded under PAC Act, violation of which resulted in license suspension January 18, 1950.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Earl Biddick in Napoleon, Ohio, on tomato color research work.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Mr. Austin on supervisory trip to southern offices for ten days in connection with inspection work on black-eyed peas, okra, snap beans, and sweet potatoes.

GRAIN

Regulatory and Inspection - Hazen P. English, Field Director

J. E. Barr, Inspection Chief, Washington, on midwest trip September 7-14 to confer with Branch field personnel regarding standardization and supervision problems and to attend meeting of American Soybean Association at Lafayette, Indiana

Mr. English attended National Feed and Grain Dealers Association meeting in Minneapolis this week.

William L. Ingles, Chairman of Board of Supervisors at Lafayette, Indiana for meeting of American Soybean Association.

LIVESTOCK AND MEATS

Regulatory - C. D. Jennings, Supervisor

Proposed changes in regulations under Packers and Stockyards Act, unchanged for ten years, were discussed at hearing in Chicago this week. Hearings shift to St. Paul, Kansas City, Indianapolis, and other cities later this week and next.

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, Reporter in Charge

F. W. Immasche, Washington office, was visitor enroute west.

September 8 cattle receipts of 138,000 head at twelve midwest markets were largest since November 1948.

Meat Grading - Russell Hitz, Chicago Supervisor

Correlation of live animal and dressed meat grades were discussed at two-day meeting of national supervisors this week.

POULTRY

Grading and Inspection - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Mr. Dolson on first, "get-acquainted" trip to Louisiana and Mississippi since these states added to his region. Back September 12.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

George Rappaport is new addition to Placement Section.

USDA recruiting agricultural experts for jobs in Middle East, Turkey, Afghanistan, Iraq, etc. Greatest demand for specialists in soils, agricultural engineering, cooperative enterprises, range management. Salaries \$6,000 to \$11,000; ages 30-60. Apply to USDA, Personnel Office, Washington.

Under a grant of \$250,000 made by John D. Rockefeller 3rd, a program of awards designed to give special recognition to outstanding public service by civilians in the Federal Government has been established.

From five to ten awards will be made annually. The grants will be sufficient to allow taking six months to one year's leave of absence for the purpose of study or research. The awards will not carry a fixed amount of money, but should be sufficient for the recipient to undertake the program at no financial sacrifice.

Deadline for submission of applications for the first group of awards is October 1, 1952. Applications may be made directly by an employee or the employee may be nominated by his agency.

Requests for application blanks or further information should be made to the Rockefeller Public Service Awards Committee, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

PMA STATE COMMITTEES

Illinois - Harry M. Combrink, Chairman

County Chairmen requested to notify State office by telegram immediately after close of county convention on September 29 the names and positions of persons elected to regular county committees.

Sale price of CCC bin site corn remains unchanged from that of August.

Memorandum from State Selective Service headquarters setting forth new method for measuring farm labor requirements in connection with agricultural deferments, forwarded to county committees.

Indiana - L. M. Vogler, Chairman

List of some 100 lending agencies approved for making price support loans forwarded to county committees.

Counties furnished with 1952 applications for payment under ACP program.

Procedure to be used in determining salaries for employees paid on monthly basis.

Michigan - James H. Quick, Chairman

Counties furnished copies of instructions for detailed check of performance under 1952 Agricultural Conservation Program.

Counties requested to furnish information aimed at speeding up approval of warehouses signing 1952 storage agreement.

Approximately 8,000 canvas sample sacks in use in various counties, if properly used, should be sufficient to carry the volume of samples required for farm stored loans and re-inspections throughout the state.

Missouri - E. R. Caldwell, Chairman

Counties report that 1951 applications for payments under ACP program as of August 31, 1952 will total more than 99,500. Over 96,000 already received, less suspensions totaling 2,977.

Counties requested to furnish rice acreage data for possible later use in establishing farm acreage allotments, if and when allotments become necessary again. Acreage planted to rice up considerably.

Nebraska - Frank W. Reed, Chairman

Unable to obtain foundation rings and bottom rings on aluminum bins due to steel shortage.

1953 ACP Handbook for Nebraska distributed to all counties.

List of approved handlers under 1952 Wool price support program sent to county committees.

North Dakota - John Kasper, Chairman

Counties requested to provide estimate of the number of crop insurance losses.

Ohio - Robert Miles, Chairman

List of warehouses approved to store and handle grain for CCC under Uniform Grain Storage Agreement sent to county committees.

Weekly Newsletter reminds wheat farmers that only short time remains to take out insurance on crop.

Wisconsin - Walter Katterhenry, Chairman

Counties advised of complaints that hay shipped from state under emergency hay program has been received at destination in damp moldy condition. Five pointers given to help prevent recurrence. Instructions issued to counties on adaptation of Commodity Loan and Purchase Handbook to state.

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September 25, 1952

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 25	Iowa Seed Dealers Conference	Ames
September 25	Livestock and Land Institute	Albert Lea, Minn.
September 25-26	Indiana Tomato Festival	Bluffton
September 26	Nebraska Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln
September 27 to October 4	National Dairy Cattle Congress	Waterloo, Iowa
September 27	Successful Farming Field Day	Bloomington, Ill.
September 29	Illinois County PMA Conventions	
September 30- October 2	Missouri Restaurant Assn.	St. Louis
October 1	Purdue Veterinary Short Course	W. Lafayette
October 3-12	Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show	Omaha
October 3-7	American Meat Institute	Chicago
October 4-6	National Poultry, Butter, Egg Association	Chicago
October 5	Iowa Retail Food Dealers Assn.	Des Moines
October 5-11	National Fire Prevention Week	

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Mr. Bender, in company with General Services Administration representatives, visiting Springfield, Urbana, and Decatur this week, discussing plans for future consolidation of state offices of USDA agencies, in Springfield. Actual move several months away.

Royce Dodge in Minneapolis this week to aid in preparations for moving Commodity Office to new location in Buzza Building during next few days.

Office has issued "Administrative Services Handbook" for personnel in Brunswick Building, outlining procedures for obtaining supplies, services, record keeping, etc.

AUDIT - Raymond Pauley, Assist Chief Auditor

Fred Neville, Morris Whipple, Max Skilnik, and Thomas Vopatek in Ohio conducting audits of school lunch and direct distribution programs. L. O. Lehman, R. G. Chaffin, H. B. Parke, H. T. Schump, R. M. Buskirk, and F. C. McFall have started annual audit of state and representative county PMA offices in North Dakota. Audits will cover 10% of county offices, compared with 3% in previous audits.

CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Mr. Bradley to Indiana, to attend state meeting of county committees. Marvin Smith, Assistant Director, to Lansing, Michigan, to consult with state officials on bean price support and storage programs.

To date, 475 warehouses have applied for grain storage agreements; 200 approved; 70 have applied for contracts to handle grain; 26 approved.

Warehouse examiners are up to date on inspecting grain warehouses applying for contracts; concentrating on warehouses applying for contracts to handle processed and perishable commodities in five states.

First orders for Minnesota hay under emergency feed program placed on Wednesday. Orders from drought states through September 23 totaled 168,447 tons. Shipments included 7,994 cars, averaging about 11 tons.

Fiscal Division moving out-of-date duplicate files to General Services files depository.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Mr. Clagett to Fargo, N.D., to consult with U. S. Attorney concerning grain shortage cases.

Investigators in field: Palmer Ellingson, Harry Covington, Martin Ryan, Missouri; James Ramstad, Halvor Oace, Thomas Berry, Iowa; John Maloney and John Hickey, Nebraska; Ed Nealon, Lee Coons, James McLenahan, Ed Piala, Illinois; Fontaine Freeman, North Dakota; William Tripp, Minnesota; Frank Zeglin and Kenneth King, Ohio.

CROP INSURANCE - J. F. Buck, Branch Manager

Mr. Buck attending meeting of Indiana county committees in Indianapolis.

Pierre Meagher has been named assistant to Mel Brandt, chief of Accounting and Statistics Division, succeeding Fred Turner, recently transferred to Washington.

Robert O'Hagan and Ray Miller on detail for several weeks to North Dakota state office, Fargo, to aid in handling load of some 8,000 claims.

C. E. Pettengill visited North Dakota state office last week.

Early claims for losses on cotton and tobacco crops being received.

Bills for premiums on corn crop being sent to county PMA committees; completion expected by October 1. County committees will collect premiums from farmers who insured their crops and send collected money to Chicago FCIC office.

Premium collections from insurance policies on other crops running high; peak of collections expected in October.

Office recruiting clerks, stenographers, tabulators, card punch operators.

DAIRY

Laboratory - Dr. T. I. Hedrick, Supervisor

Visitors to lab this week were: George Edmonds, J. H. Hobson Company, Charlotte, North Carolina; Lyle Douglas, manager of Preston Co-op Creamery, Blair, Wisconsin; and William Barker, Director of Laboratory and Research for Rochester Dairy Coop., Rochester, Minnesota.

Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

Mr. Small attended American Butter Institute annual meeting on Monday and Tuesday of this week and will be at Dairy Industries Exposition Wednesday and Friday.

Inspection of cheese purchased by Department for distribution to school lunch outlets now about two-thirds finished. Expect work to be completed by end of October.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

Mr. Beyer and Cecelia Tollefson in Indianapolis this week, conferring with officials of state department of public instruction concerning school lunch program.

Annual review of private schools conducting school lunch programs under contract with PMA has started. Arthur Siemers conducting reviews in Iowa and South Dakota; William Russell in Minnesota.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Marketing Programs - R. E. Keller, in Charge

Mr. Keller spent last week in Michigan surveying grape crop in that state.

Mrs. Lester Thornton, wife of former Office in Charge of Processed Products Division, F&V, substituting for Mae Bradley.

Market News - J. A. Hunter, in Charge

Lots more Russett potatoes this week, with prices down sharply. More Midwest-grown cauliflower at low prices. Michigan celery makes another economy vegetable this week. Apple supplies much heavier with prices mostly moderate. Tomatoes are low priced, but the quality is variable. New arrivals include first Massachusetts cranberries and Florida grapefruit. Tokay grapes are a low priced fruit.

GRAIN

Regulatory and Inspection - Hazen English

Norwegian visitor this week. Johs Storleer of Norwegian State Grain Corp.

Rather heavy load of inspection work in Northwest states. Movement of new wheat crop heavy now. Elevators beginning to fillup. Not much grain moving down Great Lakes.

Mr. English visited Indianapolis Thursday on Branch business.

INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

Television script and recipe booklet prepared in collaboration with Food Distribution Branch, part of October honey campaign.

International News Service has begun to use additional dairy market reports, including next day's estimated livestock receipts.

WNBQ, Chicago television station, starts new daily farm program next Monday, 6:45 A.M. Will include daily livestock receipts, weekly best buys for consumers.

LIVESTOCK

Wool Division - C. C. Henley, Appraiser in Charge

Appraisals of wool for price support in 17-state area have passed 8 million pound mark.

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, In Charge

Hog prices up this week, dollar above low point of last month.
Cattle prices irregular.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Mr. Ward attending Indiana state meeting of county committees.

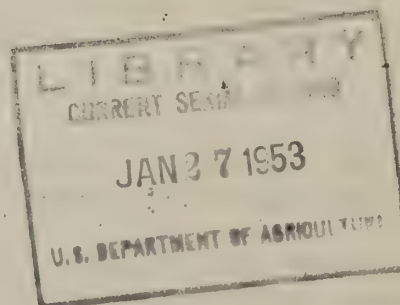
Several groups of foreign visitors will make personnel office headquarters during visits to Chicago. John Storleer, Norwegian State Grain Corporation, in Chicago this week. Two groups scheduled week of October 6: 7 Germans interested in agricultural marketing, guided by Cliff Pulvermacher, PMA, Washington, formerly in Chicago area office. Other group includes 32 men from 9 countries of Western Europe, interested in production and marketing of fruits and vegetables.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Inspection of eggs purchased for school lunch distribution now taking place. Twenty-two cars at Peoria and 20 at Chicago.

During October, 12 to 15 inspectors from Des Moines Office will be detailed to Chicago to aid in inspection and grading of commercially-owned eggs in cold storage.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 5-11	Fire Prevention Week	
October 10	Bankers Agricultural Short Course	
	Univ. of Minnesota	Minneapolis
October 10	Iowa Agricultural Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
October 11	Purdue Vegetable Grading and Identification Contest	Lafayette, Ind.
October 11	Illinois State Corn Picking Contest	McClellan County
October 12-18	Michigan Crop Week	
October 13-16	National Convention, Future Farmers of America	Kansas City
October 14	North Dakota Agricultural Mobilization Committee	Fargo
October 14-17	REA Regional Meeting	Chicago
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October 20-21	National Farm Electrification Staff Conference	Detroit
October 20-24	40th National Safety Congress	Chicago

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Mr. Bender in Columbia, Missouri in connection with office consolidation matters.

Considerable absenteeism of PMA employees at Brunswick Building accompanied recent elevator strike, especially on 8th and 9th floors.

AUDIT - Raymond Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

Tom Vopatek, Fred Neville, and Morris Whipple are in Wisconsin to perform direct distribution, state agency, and school lunch audits.

Max Skilnik in Nebraska on direct distribution audit.

Robert Chaffin, Rollin Buskirk, Harold Schump, Floyd McFall and Harvey Parks on state and county PMA office audits in Minnesota and North Dakota.

Lawrence Lehman soon to begin audit in Cleveland under Research and Marketing Act.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Investigators in field this week: John J. Hickey, Nebraska; James J. McLenighan, Illinois; Albert C. Christian, Illinois; Frank J. Zeglin, Ohio.

Lee A. Coons and Kenneth K. King back from field trip.

Ted Stone, new appointee, reported for duty September 30.

COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Orders for hay from drought states through October 7 totaled 217,442 tons. Shipments were 11,806 cars, equivalent of about 146,000 tons.

Paul S. Howell, Office of Budget, Washington, visited to review administrative budget requirements.

Monthly meeting with State Office representatives will be held Thursday, October 16.

Sales for period September 26 to October 3 consisted of 459,745 bushels of corn. Purchases: 178,200 pounds of spray process nonfat dry milk solids.

To date, applications for 1952 grain storage agreements have been received from about half the number of warehousemen having 1951 agreements. Approximately half of the applications received have been approved.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

Mr. Buck will attend Western Region meeting in Rapid City, S. D., October 15-16. FCIC directors of nine northwestern states will review operations of past year, make plans for coming year.

Office among several agencies visited by group of nine German agriculturists the past week. Mr. Buck described crop insurance operations to them.

DAIRY

Inspection and Grading - Ed Small, Supervisor

Representatives of the National Cheese Institute and American Butter Institute met with USDA Dairy Branch personnel in separate sessions Tuesday at the Bismarck Hotel. Meeting was requested by USDA to discuss mutual problems. Both meetings were attended by E. M. Norton, Dairy Branch Deputy Director, B. J. Ommott, Chief of Inspection and Grading Division, Dr. T. I. Hedrick, Chemist in charge of Chicago Dairy Lab, and Mr. Small.

DAIRY

Laboratory - T. I. Hedrick, Supervisor

Richard Choi, of American Dry Milk Institute visited laboratory to check on flavor of milk products, particularly reconstituted dry milk.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar Beyer, Field Supervisor

John Janus taking pictures of honey displays in various Chicago retail establishments in connection with honey promotion.

Mr. Beyer, Jeanette Hampton, and Hal Bolin to participate in private school lunch workshop in Columbus, Ohio diocese on October 13. Mr. Beyer will remain for balance of week to analyze direct distribution operations in Ohio.

Arthur Siemers in Minnesota, William Russell in South Dakota to review private school lunch programs.

Branch Chief Leonard R. Trainer, Washington, visited office on Wednesday and Thursday.

Representatives of school lunch agencies in North Dakota, Missouri, Indiana, and Illinois met in Chicago on Wednesday with Gordon Gunderson, Chairman of School Lunch Nutritional Requirements Committee. Reviewed procedures and planned for nutrition tests to be made in a number of states and schools.

Jeanette Hampton to Battle Creek, Michigan, on Wednesday to participate in public school lunch workshop.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Market News - J. A. Hunter, In Charge

Market features low-priced pumpkins this week. Squash also plentiful. Many varieties Midwest apples available at mostly moderate prices. Grapes still a good buy, along with cauliflower, Michigan celery, and topped carrots. Many homegrown vegetables up sharply in price as frost has cut short supplies. New crop oranges expected soon from Florida, some arriving at St. Louis this week.

Marketing Programs - R. E. Keller, in Charge

Group of fifteen mixed European and British nationalists were visitors in connection with marketing study. Group, squired by Albert E. Mercker and George A. Nashtoll of Washington Branch, also visited produce terminal, auction market, and potato processing plants.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Frost has ended processing of grapes in Michigan and Northern Ohio and tomato canning in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. Inspectors being shifted to peanut inspection in Alabama and Georgia.

Cold weather caught some of potato crop in western states.

Regulatory - W. A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

Edward Gibson returned from license work in field on Monday.

Mrs. Earl Biddick and Mrs. Gloria Rodriguez, stenographers, have been added to the staff.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Mr. Austin on Midwest supervisory trip this week.

GRAIN

Regulatory and Inspection - Hazen English, Field Director

Eleven trainees from Siebel Institute of Technology, Chicago training school for brewmasters, will be given a short course in grading of barley Friday afternoon, October 10.

Similar grading sessions in past years have been attended by Siebel trainees from U. S., Canada, and several South American countries. One former trainee C. Heaney, Baltimore, Md., decided, after grading session, to forsake brewmaster ambitions and become grain inspector. He's now attached to Baltimore office.

LIVESTOCK

Washington representatives at the American Meat Institute Convention October 3-7 included Harry Reed, Branch Chief, Fred J. Beard, Chief of Standardization and Grading Division, and Earl Cronkhite, Procurement and Sales. Visited consolidated Branch Office.

Market News - L. M. Wyatte, in Charge

Discussed new hog grades with Branch Chief, Harry Reed.

Floyd Davis of Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations, Washington, toured stockyards with Mr. Wyatt to better acquaint himself with livestock marketing.

Regulatory - C. D. Jennings, Supervisor

Mr. Jennings returned from supervisory trip to Milwaukee.

Meat Grading - Russell Hitz, Supervisor

Graders in the Chicago area met at Swift & Company packing plant on October 4 to correlate their grading of beef, veal, and lamb.

A similar correlation meeting will be held in Milwaukee on October 11 for graders in that area. Mr. Hitz will leave for Milwaukee on Friday morning.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Mr. Ward and Harold Gross in Washington on classification matters.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Annual convention of National Poultry Butter and Egg Association, October 4-6 at Sherman Hotel, Chicago, was attended by Mr. Dolson and various Washington Branch personnel. Included were Assistant Branch Chief, Hermann Miller, Henry G. Hamann, Inspection and Grading Chief, and B. C. Pier, Head of Dressed Poultry Inspection.

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October 19-21	American Royal 4-H Conference	Kansas City
October 20-21	National Farm Electrification Staff Conference	Detroit
October 20-24	Agricultural Outlook Conference	Washington
October 20-24	40th National Safety Congress	Chicago
October 22-23	Rural Life Conference	Kansas City
October 23-24	Iowa PMA Fieldmen Meeting	Des Moines
October 23 to November 1	National Apple Week	
" "	National Honey Week	
October 23-24	Feed Dealers & Mfrs. Annual Convention & Nut. Conference	E. Lansing
October 24-25	Meat Animal Show	Waterloo, Iowa
October 26	Illinois Retail Grocers' Assn.	Peoria
October 26-28	National Pretzel Bakers Institute	Cincinnati
October 26-29	Ohio Retail Food Dealers Assn.	Columbus
October 27-31	Annual Meeting Michigan State Grange	Mt. Pleasant
October 27	Michigan Purebred Dairy Cattle Association	E. Lansing
October 28-31	Illinois Restaurant Association	Springfield
October 28	Missouri Agricultural Mobilization Committee	Columbia
October 28-30	Annual Extension Conference, Michigan State College	E. Lansing
October 30-31	Annual Feeder Cattle Show & Sale	Chicago

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

General Services Administration has invited bids to provide housing for consolidated USDA state offices in Columbia, Missouri. May be new building or space already constructed. Bids to be opened October 31.

Royce Dodge, Assistant Chief, in Minneapolis, aiding in preparing space for Minneapolis Commodity Office in Buzza Building. Building is government-owned, previously used by Army. Requires some changing of walls and extensive wiring to accommodate tabulating and accounting machines. October 25 deadline for move.

AUDIT - Raymond Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

Marian Burrows and John Hernandey conducting school lunch audits in Iowa.
Lawrence Lehman and Harry Janzig starting audits of grading and inspection offices. First office audited will be Dairy Branch office in Chicago.
Some 673 audits to be completed this fiscal year compared with 500 last year.

CHICAGO COMMODITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

Marvin Smith, Assistant Director, in Washington attending meeting on wool program and other Commodity Office matters.

Accounting section of Fiscal Division has been re-equipped with eight card-punch and five card-verifying machines of latest type; faster, easier to operate. Expected to greatly step up efficiency. Under Charles A. Cash, recently put in charge of all IBM operations, Accounting section records on cards inventory transactions, money paid out on drafts, loan transactions with farmers after loans mature. Each PMA employee in Midwest is listed on three separate cards for payroll purposes. During last fiscal year, section punched 1,006,220 cards.

William McArthur, Deputy Director, and Arthur Mead, of Grain Branch, Washington, will attend monthly meeting of state committee representatives in Chicago on Thursday. With C. E. Sullivan, Fiscal Division, they will attend meeting in Memphis on emergency hay program, scheduled for Friday.

Hay orders received from eight drought-area states through October 14, totaled 246,424 tons. Shipments from five Midwest states, 13,829 cars, about 165,000 tons.

Marie Frame, Fiscal Division, presented with \$65 Efficiency Award for suggestion to improve report made by county PMA committees on debtors. New form provides for more information, eliminating need for much correspondence. Will be used nationally.

Commodity sales in six-state area last week: 407,869 bushels corn; 3,600 bushels wheat; 660 bushels clover.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Assistant Chief A. C. Christian, to Minnesota and Colorado.

Agents Lee Coons and Frank Zeglin in Ohio. John Hickey in Nebraska.
Palmer Ellingsen attended trial in grain conversion case in Sioux City. C. L. Burt, warehouseman, pleaded guilty, sentenced to two years in prison.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

Mr. Buck attending meeting of state committeemen in Northwest Area, at Rapid City, S. D.

James Dedina and John Strayer assigned temporarily from Chicago to state FCIC office at Fargo, N. D., to aid in processing loss claims. Raymond Miller continues on assignment in same office.

DAIRY

Milk Marketing Orders

Farmers in Stark County, Ohio, will vote in referendum on establishing milk marketing order for that milkshed. USDA has approved.

USDA has recommended increase in Class I price differential in South Bend-LaPorte milk market, to encourage adequate milk supply for market, which competes with Chicago.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Area Supervisor

Mr. Beyer attended school lunch workshop sponsored by Catholic Diocese at Columbus, Ohio, first part of week and then conducted administrative review of State of Ohio Direct Distribution Agency.

Visitors this week included: Harold Wolfe, supervisor of direct distribution and school lunch program for state of Illinois and Forrest Townsend, Branch's assistant food trades chief. Mr. Townsend expected to remain early part of next week.

Ina Morris and John Janus in Milwaukee this week in connection with the promotion of honey as a Plentiful Foods item. Miss Morris appeared on Milwaukee TV station WTMJ and Mr. Janus made trade contacts in Milwaukee area.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Fresh Product Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Mr. Sanborn will attend national meeting of state directors of marketing at Biloxi, Miss., October 20-24. He will consult inspection officials in Louisiana, Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska before returning to Chicago early in November.

Inspection work will start next week on onions traded on Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Frost and freezing weather of last week did relatively little damage in Midwest. Most crops were harvested or were mature enough to withstand low temperatures.

Market News - J. A. Hunter, Supervisor

Pumpkins and squash are still good buys on the Chicago market. So are Michigan celery, greens, endive, escarole, lettuce, and cabbage. Cauliflower is up but still moderately priced this week. Most tomatoes are from hothouses or California, and they are selling higher. Apple prices rose a little but are still moderate. Onions and potatoes are generally moderate, but the onion prices are tending to increase.

GRAIN - Hazen English, Field Supervisor

New corn and soybeans flooding Chicago market. Inspectors swamped by more than 1,000 cars received on Tuesday.

INFORMATION - John Baker, Chief

November list of Plentiful Foods in Midwest, selected by Food Distribution Branch, sent to about 900 recipients of Midwest Market Basket this week. Turkeys and raisins, featured items. Others include figs, nuts, pork, frozen fish, canned tuna, grapes, carrots, lima beans, lard and other fats, nonfat dry milk solids, cottage cheese, buttermilk, and honey.

LIVESTOCK

Marketings of livestock going into heaviest period of year. Prices lower than few weeks ago.

Grand champion steer at Ak-Sar-Ben livestock show, Omaha, shown by lad from Boystown, sold for \$2.10 per pound last week. Champion wether brought \$3.50 per pound, new record for show.

Through last week, wool appraisers in central states had appraised 11,756,000 pounds of wool for price support loans. Handlers report more wool than anticipated being put under loan.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

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PMA employees in 11 Midwestern states, August 31, totaled 2,885. Commodity Offices in Chicago, Minneapolis, Kansas City, 1028; State Offices, 532; Livestock Branch, 404; Poultry Branch, 278; Fruit and Vegetable Branch, 209; Grain Branch, 189.

Mr. Ward will attend annual meeting of National Safety Congress in Chicago, October 20-24. PMA also will be represented by R. B. Gossom, safety engineer in Personnel, Washington.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Mr. Dolson in Lafayette, Indiana, Monday on supervisory trip.

Office starting grading of turkeys purchased under Surplus Removal Program announced August 26.

Dressed Poultry Inspection - W. S. Buchanan

Dr. Kinkaid on supervisory trip through Arkansas and Missouri this week. Surveyed three plants.

Iris Grassel, Administrative officer for Poultry Branch, to spend two to three days in Chicago office.

Dr. Buchanan reports activity in dressed poultry inspection program increasing. Last week three new plants approved. One result of increased activity is need for veterinarians. Jobs available at GS-7 or GS-9, depending on experience of applicant.

WASHINGTON VISITORS TO MIDWEST

Secretary Brannan spoke before annual meeting of Future Farmers of America in Kansas City on Wednesday.

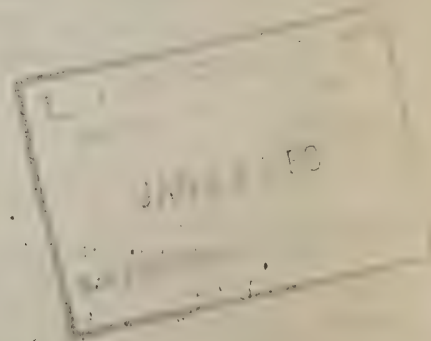
Under Secretary McCormick principal speaker at National Mechanical Corn Picking Contest, Rushville, Indiana, Saturday.

Assistant Secretary Hutchinson, FFA meeting on Friday.

Elmer Kruse, Assistant Director of PMA, visits Chicago Thursday.

Don Anderson, Dairy Branch, attends meeting of Iowa Creameries Association, at Mason City, Friday and Saturday.

Hermon Miller, Poultry Branch, attended meeting of Nebraska Poultry Improvement Association at Lincoln, on Wednesday.



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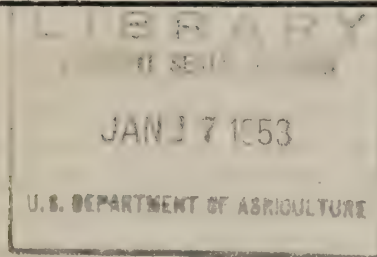
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 For Employees of the Production and Marketing Administration in the Midwest.



October 30, 1952

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 30-31	Annual Feeder Cattle Show & Sale	Chicago
October 31	Nebraska Agr. Mobilization Committee	Lincoln
November 1	National 4-H Achievement Week	
November 4-6	6th Annual Michigan Turkey Festival	Grand Rapids
November 5-7	Michigan Dairy Conference	E. Lansing
November 5-6	Annual Potato Marketing Clinic	E. Grand Forks, Minn.
November 7	Cattle Feeders Day, University of Illinois	Urbana
November 6-8	PMA Warehouse Training Meeting	Kansas City
November 10-14	Association Seed Control Officials	Kansas City
November 10-13	Association of Land Grant Colleges and Universities	Washington, D.C.
November 10-13	4-H Tractor Maintenance Leaders Clinic	Lafayette, Ind.
November 11	N.D. Agr. Mobilization Committee	Fargo
November 11-14	National Association, Ice Industries	Cincinnati
November 12-14	Indiana Farm Bureau Convention	Indianapolis
November 12-14	PMA Midwest Area Meeting	Chicago
November 12	Indiana Rural Youth Convention	Indianapolis
November 13-14	Iowa PMA Fieldmen Meeting	Des Moines
November 14	Iowa Agr. Mobilization Committee	Des Moines
November 14	Fall Cattle Feeders Day, Purdue	Lafayette, Ind.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES - Richard Bender, Chief

Construction of new building to house consolidated USDA offices in Madison, Wisconsin has reached first floor level. No date for completion, but offices expected to occupy new quarters on or before July 1, 1953.

Mr. Bender to Springfield, Illinois this Thursday and Friday in connection with USDA state office consolidation there.

Installation of 647 new 8-crate, fluorescent lights at Brunswick Building, 623 S. Wabash, Chicago, completed this week. New lights result in better lighting, reduce load on electric circuits. Lights expected to pay for themselves since they require only 160-watt bulbs compared with 500-watt bulbs in former fixtures.

AUDIT - Raymond F. Pauley, Assistant Chief Auditor

Washington visitors this week - Norman P. Arey, Office of Audit, and William Hasbrouck, Administrative Officer, Fruit and Vegetable Branch.

Lawrence Lehman completed audit of Trundle Engineering Corporation, Cleveland, in connection with contract under Research and Marketing Act. Will meet Rollin Buskirk in Huron, South Dakota, regarding start of audit of South Dakota PMA Office.

Harry Janzig on audits of inspection and grading offices at Detroit, Toledo, Columbus, Cincinnati and Louisville.

Harold Schump, Floyd McFall, Robert Chaffin completing audits of County PMA Offices in North Dakota.

John Hernandez in South Dakota, Fred Neville in Wisconsin, Max Kilnik in Missouri, Tom Vopatek in North Dakota on school lunch audits.

COMMUNITY OFFICE - George D. Bradley, Director

CCC warehouse examiners were instructed in proper methods of examining warehouses and administering the Warehouse Act this week. Washington participants included H.S. Yohe, Transportation and Warehousing Branch; Alva F. Troyer, Lloyd Whitehouse, Deputy Director, and Ed Neil, Grain Branch. William Chandler, Michigan Area Director, and representatives of Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Kentucky PMA State offices also attended.

Similar courses of instruction are scheduled at Kansas City CO, November 6-8; Minneapolis CO, November 20-22.

P.M.A. CO offices reported following sales the past week: Corn, 567,635 bus.; wheat, 109,925 bus.; barley, 21,087 bus.; oats, 3,516 bus.; dry edible beans, 228,311 cwt.; Austrian winter peas, 3,046 cwt.; clover seed, 543 lbs.; corn screenings, 1,112 cwt.

To date, 635 applications for 1952 grain storage agreements have been received; 426 approved. Handling agreements received, 130; approved 75.

Orders for hay from drought states through October 28 totaled 398,026 tons; shipments were approximately 200,500 tons.

COMPLIANCE AND INVESTIGATION - John Clagett, Chief

Agents in field this week: Ralph Aiken, R. Coons, F. Freeman, Nebraska; T. Berry, E. Nealon, H. Oace, H. Covington, Iowa; P. Ellingson, Michigan; S. Norin, Minnesota; J. Ramstad, Kansas; M. Ryan, Missouri.

CROP INSURANCE - J. Francis Buck, Branch Manager

Mr. Buck to attend Southeast Area Meeting at Ashville, N.C. November 6-7.

Employees assigned to help with heavy volume of loss computations in N.D. office have returned, as work load has been greatly reduced.

Sending out bills on maturing tobacco insurance contracts. Casper, Wyoming office opened October 27 at 345 E. 2nd St., P.O. Box 1211. Wyoming operations previously handled in Colorado office.

DAIRY

Don Anderson, Washington Branch office, in Sioux City on October 31 to attend North Central Regional Committee Meeting.

Laboratory - T.I. Hedrick, In Charge

Dr. Hedrick visiting commercial laboratories in Springfield and Kansas City, Missouri, and Enid, Oklahoma this week.

Inspection and Grading - Edward Small, Supervisor

Mr. Small will attend Michigan Dairy Conference, to be held at Michigan State College, November 5-7.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Oscar F. Beyer, Supervisor

John James to St. Paul this week to review administration of direct distribution program in private schools.

Mr. Beyer to Nebraska to work with state school lunch agencies in connection with school lunch nutrition test program.

Foods expected to be in plentiful supply in the Midwest during November: Turkeys, raisins, domestic dried figs, filberts, almonds, walnuts, pork, frozen fish, canned tuna, table grapes, carrots, dry baby lima beans, lard, salad oils, vegetable shortening and table fat, nonfat dry milk solids, cottage cheese, buttermilk, honey.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

M.E. McGaha, Washington Office, in Springfield, Missouri this week to review results of experimental training of retailers in merchandising of fresh fruits and vegetables on a tuition basis. Similar experiment recently completed in Hagerstown, Maryland.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE - (Continued)-

Market News - J.A. Hunter, In Charge

Best buys this week are cabbage, cucumbers, lettuce, greens, spinach, carrots, and Midwestern squash and pumpkins. Citrus still high priced except for Florida whitemeat grapefruit selling at moderate levels. Potatoes still high priced. Midwestern onions at about same moderate prices as large Spanish type from West; Midwestern usually lower priced.

Processed Products Inspection - Max Austin, Supervisor

Mr. Austin to give informal talk at Iowa-Nebraska Cannery Association meeting November 3 at Des Moines.

Finishing inspection work for army in various areas.

Fresh Products Inspection - Neal Sanborn, Supervisor

Mr. Sanborn expected back from extended field trip this week; leaves November 4 for Minnesota.

Asst. Supervisor Earl Biddick to San Antonio, Texas November 10 to instruct class of QMC officers responsible for receiving fresh fruits and vegetables at military installations.

Regulatory - W.A. Hilgeson, Supervisor

J.W. Branch handling complaints in potato area of Northern Michigan.

GRAIN

Jason E. Barr, Inspection Chief, conferring with inspection supervisors in Chicago, Peoria, and Decatur, Illinois this week.

Stanley McMahon and Arthur Mead in Chicago to attend meeting to discuss warehouse inspection and related price support programs.

Regulatory and Inspection Division - Hazen English, Field Director
Robert Spohm, Kansas City office, assisting Board of Grain Supervisors for month. Charles Roy returned to K.C. office following month's assistance.

Opal Whaley, conference reporter, retires end of October.

INFORMATION - John C. Baker, Chief

Arranged visits and contacts for group of German agricultural information visitors.

Planning special stories, in cooperation with Food Distribution Branch, on plentiful foods for each state for release to wire news services.

Sending out duck promotion material to eastern part of Midwest area, in cooperation with FDB.

LIVESTOCK

Market News - L. M. Wyatt, in Charge

Mr. Wyatt gave talk on market news on Tuesday before group of 44 agricultural students from Ohio State University, Columbus.

Escorted group of visiting German agricultural information trainees on tour of stockyards, explaining market procedures, reporting methods, etc.

Monday's receipts of 160,000 cattle at twelve major markets and 22,000 at Chicago were the largest in six years.

Meat Grading - Russell Hitz, Supervisor

Mr. Hitz to Milwaukee on supervisory trip this week.

PERSONNEL - Maurice Ward, Chief

Mr. Ward to Huron, South Dakota and Minneapolis on personnel matters; expected back Friday.

Host to Finnish visitor Edvard Bjorkenheim, in United States to make dairy cattle management study. Arranged visits to places of interest connected with study; also conferences with industry people.

POULTRY

Inspection and Grading - Lawrence Dolson, Supervisor

Mr. Dolson on general supervisory trip to Wisconsin this week.

Started grading of nearly 3 million pounds of turkeys for Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

Grading of frozen turkeys purchased under surplus removal program increasing at delivery points located outside of Chicago. Nationally to date, USDA has bought over 15 million pounds of frozen, ready-to-cook 1952-crop turkeys to provide outlet for temporary surpluses. Turkeys will go to non-profit school lunch programs.

Dressed Poultry Inspection - Dr. W.S. Buchanan, Supervisor

Still trying to recruit 10 to 15 veterinarians for Chicago and field service.

Dr. Kincaid making survey of dressing plants in Missouri and Arkansas.

